

Park Authority Stewardship Activities Update



**Joint Park Authority Board and
Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Meeting March 9, 2005**

Agenda

- **Park Authority Stewardship Activities Presentation**
- **FY 2006 Stewardship Program Funding Requirements**
- **Park Trails Program**
- **Green Infrastructure Program Update**
- **Master Plan Updates**
 - **Sully Woodlands**
 - **Nottoway Park**
- **Athletic Field Lighting**
- **Questions and Answer**
- **Adjournment**

Stewardship Activities Presentation Outline

- **NRM Plan Adoption and Implementation**
- **Organizational Positioning for
Stewardship**

Natural Resource Management Plan

Implementation of the NRMP will:

- Arm us with the information, policies and practices needed to preserve and protect what little natural areas remain
- Engage and educate staff and citizens in resource stewardship
- Integrate resource protection into all of our planning, development and management activities



NRMP Elements: Meeting the Agency's Needs



- Planning
- Vegetation
- Wildlife
- Water Resources
- Air Quality
- Human Impact
- Education

7 Sections with 112 Strategies

NRMP Implementation Plan - Our Year 1 Summary

Policy

Begin to look at Park Authority policies and practices and how resource protection is and should be incorporated in activities.

Partnerships

Continue and expand partnerships including those with ECC, EQAC, DPWES, NVSWCD, VA DOF and many others.

NRMP Program

Develop operations plan including roles and responsibilities for NRMP Section staff.

Plan the out-years implementation of the NRMP.

Natural Resource Inventories/Site Specific NRMPs

Inventories will only occur as needed as a result of planned development/master plans and as funding allows.

Site specific NRMPs will not occur for un-staffed parks.

GIS/Green Infrastructure

Begin to assess needs and develop a Park Authority GIS Strategy.

NRMP Implementation Plan

Our Year 1 Summary

Stewardship Maintenance at un-staffed parks

Will not occur other than through existing staff and area crews and partnerships.

Invasives Species Management

Education will be only component other than some small projects.

Water Resources

Participate in all watershed management plan task forces.

Evaluate wetland banking and other related concepts.

Encroachment

Current activities and some education will occur.

Low Impact Development/Beyond BMPs

Will describe implications and issues to Park Authority Board.

Education

An expansive Resource Stewardship Education program is planned.

Organizational Positioning for Stewardship

- **Structure**
- **County involvement**
- **Partnerships**
- **Stewardship Education**
- **Park Authority Board Updates**
- **Park Policy Plan Revision**

Park Policy Plan Implementation

- **PA Needs Assessment**
- **PA Strategic Plan**
- **PA NRMP**
- **BOS Environ. Excellence 20-Year Vision**
- **DPWES Watershed studies**
- **Comp Plan Policy Amendment**

Park Policy Plan Themes

- **Adds objective strengthening PA land stewardship role**
- **Strengthens language to mitigate parkland impacts**
- **Directs acquisition contiguous land to existing parks to protect resources**
- **Identifies better connectivity as issue**
- **Directs use of low impact development techniques in and adjacent to parks**

Park Policy Plan

Selected Objectives

- **#2 : Addresses key natural resource issues**
 - protect water resources
 - implement best management practices
 - minimize human impact to parks
 - manage invasive species

- **#6: Encourage low impact design principles**
 - Mitigate impact to parks
 - Retain natural character

Park Policy Plan Public Process

- 2 Parts – Comp Plan & APR – very public
- Coordinated with DPZ and PC
- DPZ proposed process based on other Policy Plan amendments (Libraries, Fire, Trails)
- Chairman Connolly reviewed process and stakeholders

Park Policy Plan

Endorsements & Stakeholders

- Potomac Conservancy
- Audubon Society
- Federation of Park Friends
- DPZ/Noel Kaplan – review

Task Force Membership

- Ed Batten – FCPA
- Frank de la Fe – Planning Commission
- Jean Packard – NVRPA
- Bruce Wright – NMTC, Hunter Mill Land Use
- Sally Ormsby - Park Partners
- Clay Peters – BOS Envir. Task Force, Federation of Civic Assoc.
- Roger Simms – Athletic Council
- Harry Glasgow – Federation of Park Friends

Park Policy Plan Public Hearings

- **Planning Commission – 3/16**
- **Board of Supervisors – 5/9**

Stewardship Program Funding Requirements

- **FY 2006 Funding Addendums (\$302,000)**
 - **Inventory natural resources**
 - **Combat invasive non-native plants**

Discussion

